

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2892, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10533–S10585

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1800–1818. **Page S10570**

Measures Passed:

Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act: Senate passed S. 1818, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall. **Pages S10584–85**

Conference Reports:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act Conference Report: By 79 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 323), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

Pages S10542–59

Department of Defense Authorization Act Conference Report—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, October 22, 2009.

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Appointments:

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity: The Chair announced, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to P.L. 110–315, the appointment of the following to be members of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity: Daniel Klaich of Nevada, Cameron Staples of Connecticut, and Larry Vanderhoef of California. **Page S10585**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13413 with respect to blocking the property of persons contributing to the conflict taking place in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–35) **Page S10570**

Sessions Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission. **Page S10568**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, October 22, 2009. **Page S10568**

Lange Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Roberto A. Lange, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota; that debate on the nomination be limited to 2 hours equally divided and controlled between Senators Leahy and Sessions, or their designees; with the vote on confirmation of the nomination occurring at 2 p.m. **Page S10584**